

**Fresno, CA** - Today, Congressman Jim Costa (CA-20) announced that two health organizations in the 20<sup>th</sup> district will receive federal funding, totaling near \$678,000, from the United States Department of Health and Human Services. National Health Services, Inc. in Shafter and Clinica Sierra Vista, Inc. in Bakersfield have been awarded funds to expand medical capacity and provide oral health access.

“The availability of proper health care to all citizens is important and these funds will help to provide essential health related services,” Congressman Costa said.

National Health Services, Inc. will receive \$427,500 to expand medical capacity at existing health centers. The additional funds will allow this organization to help underserved individuals receive health care. Clinica Sierra Vista will receive \$250,000 to make available for the first time oral health services.

These health centers deliver comprehensive primary and preventive care to patients regardless of their ability to pay. Charges for health care services are set according to income and fees are not collected from extremely poor patients.

“The funds provided by this grant will aid those who greatly need access to health care but cannot afford the financial burden,” Costa concluded.